

**REMARKS**

Claims 10 and 17 are pending in this application. In final Office Action dated November 3, 2006, the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Honda et al. (JP 2002-203321) and Izumi (U.S. Patent No. 5,859,824) and claim 17 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '321 in view of Katsuyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,723,234).

Applicant submits herewith a request for continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and this Amendment as the requisite submission. With entry of this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 10 and 17. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The present invention, as set forth in claims 10 and 17, is directed to an apparatus for recording data on a recording face of an optical disk and a visible image on a label surface of the optical disk with an optical pickup. The optical pickup has an objective lens that is movable around a first base point for focusing a light spot onto the recording face and movable around a second base point for focusing the light spot onto the label surface. Applicant has amended claims 10 and 17 to recite that a range for moving the objective lens around the second base point is more than double a range for moving the objective lens around a first base point. Support for this amendment is found in the specification and drawings including, without limitation, paragraphs 0039-0043 (particularly paragraph 0043) and Fig. 2. Applicant has made further amendments to claims 10 and 17 including adding recitations similar to claim 18 that was previously canceled.

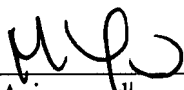
In order to expedite prosecution, it is believed that JP '321, Izumi and Katsuyama do not disclose or suggest at least "wherein a range of moving the objective lens around the second base point is more than double a range of moving the objective lens around the first base point" as recited in claims 10 and 17.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032039600.

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